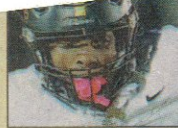


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Setting new standard for safety and accessibility in water recreation

## Pea River becomes Alabama's safest marked waterway

The Alabama Scenic River Trail (ASRT) announced Thursday, Oct. 10, a historic achievement in river safety: the installation of the highest number of mile markers along a single river in Alabama. This announcement was made during a ceremony held in Elba, Ala.

With 107 marked miles, the Pea River now stands among the safest rivers for paddlers and water recreators in the state, providing crucial support for navigation and emergency response. This milestone significantly enhances safety and navigational assistance along a popular paddling destination in Alabama.

This accomplishment was made possible by the dedicated volunteer efforts of Pea River Outdoors, the Elba Volunteer Fire Department, and Choctawhatchee Riverkeeper. Their work over the past summer to install these markers ensures safer water recreation on the Pea River.

These key supporters of the project received special recognition at last Thursday's celebration held at Pea River Outdoors in Elba. ASRT presented an enlarged "Mile 58" marker

as a thank-you to the following contributors:

- Tony Johnson and Amanda Johnson, Pea River Outdoors
- Assistant Fire Chief Dennis Manning, City of Elba Fire Department
- Michael Mullen, Choctawhatchee Riverkeeper

Local leaders and ASRT supporters, including State Senator Josh Carnley, State Representative Rhett Marques, and Beverly Hamilton from the Elba Chamber of Commerce, joined in celebrating this vital safety advancement for Alabama's paddlers.

**"The dedication of our local partners and volunteers in Elba has been remarkable," said Andrew Szymanski, ASRT executive director. "Seeing these markers installed along the Pea River is an exciting milestone not just for ASRT, but for the entire state."**

"The Pea River embodies Alabama's biodiversity, and with the completion of these mile markers, more people will have the opportunity to safely enjoy this great waterway," Senator Carnley said.

Shannon Mo'ikeha Taylor, ASRT's Waterways Program Manager in charge of the program's statewide execution, said, "Local volunteers are the real rockstars of this program; without their dedication and commitment, these mile markers and this program wouldn't exist."

ASRT's Executive Director, Andrew Szymanski, added to Mo'ikeha Taylor's comments, praising the



The Alabama Scenic River Trail (ASRT) program celebrated a historic achievement last Thursday, Oct. 10, in Elba. The celebration was to bring awareness to 107-miles of the Pea River, which runs through Elba, having mile marker signs installed along the river. ASRT officials said this sets a new standard for safety and accessibility in water recreation and makes the Pea River one of the safest rivers for paddler and water recreation in the state of Alabama. Those present for the celebration included (from left) Beverly Hamilton, president for the Elba Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Andrew Szymanski, ASRT executive director; Tony and Amanda Johnson, owners of Pea River Outdoors in Elba; Shannon Mo'ikeha Taylor, ASRT's waterways program manager; Michael Mullen, Choctawhatchee riverkeeper; State Representative Rhett Marques, and State Senator Josh Carnley.

collaborative efforts.

The Mile Marker Program is designed to function like highway mile markers, allowing 911 and emergency responders to locate paddlers quickly and effectively. ASRT runs the program by providing the waypoints and signage to local volunteers who request the program and complete the installation.

For more information on the Mile Marker Program (under About Programs & Initiatives), please visit the ASRT website at [alabamascenicrivertrail.com](http://alabamascenicrivertrail.com). ASRT also extend special thanks to Sandy Bynum-See MARKER, Page 3



Elba City Schools buses are shown Tuesday afternoon on campus waiting for students to load and be transported home after school. School bus safety will be emphasized even more next week as Oct. 14-18 will be National School Bus Safety Week, and Elba transportation director Wynn Grimes said it will be a great opportunity to thank school bus drivers for all they do in keeping students safe when they travel by school bus.

Elba City Schools National School Bus Safety Week. This special event is an active, continuing public education program designed to promote school bus safety.

"School bus safety is a daily priority for our school system, but we will place extra emphasis on it next week during the national celebration," said Elba City Schools transportation director Wynn Grimes. "We also want to take time to thank our school bus drivers for the great job they do to always keep our students safe traveling to and from school as well as on special trips for sports and extra-curricular activity trips. We believe we have a bus driving staff second to none here at Elba City Schools!" Alabama has a school bus safety record of which all can be proud; however, maintaining that excellent record requires the combined efforts of the entire education family including school staff,

students, parents, and other citizens. "During National School Bus Safety Week, I encourage everyone to actively support activities celebrating our transportation staff and promoting continued school bus safety," Grimes said. "Safely transporting our children is just one of the many goals Elba City Schools strives to achieve daily, and next week will be a great opportunity for the whole community to thank those who sit in the driver's seat of our buses and devote time to making sure this happens each and every day."

### NOTICE:

Elba's Pumpkins on the Square will be Thursday, Oct. 31, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the square in downtown Elba. There will be trick-or-treating, a costume contest, entertainment, boiled peanuts, and more!

## Elba business named a finalist for 2024 Alabama Small Business Award

The Alabama Small Business of the Year Awards presented by the partnership of the Chamber of Commerce Association of Alabama (CCAA) and the Business Council of Alabama (BCA), recognizes the very best in Alabama small business.

Ten Alabama small businesses have been named as finalists, and an Elba business is on the list of finalists - LillieAnne's, owned and operated by Lisa Johnson. Presented annually, the awards recognize businesses of merit based on a variety of civic endeavors, business success and community involvement.

The following businesses are to be commended for their success and consideration: Anderson Family Care (Demopolis); Bitty & Beau's Coffee (Auburn); Blueprint Taxes & Services (Gadsden); Clover Tween Boutique (Albertville); Good Hope Medical (Cullman); Insight Strategic Solutions (Huntsville); LillieAnne's (Elba); Musicality Studio (Gardendale); Pelican's SnoBalls Sycauga (Sycauga); and Towne Park Animal Care Center (Huntsville).

Finalists will be honored at the BCA/CCAA Partnership Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19, in Birmingham, Ala., where a winner will be named.



The Elba Chamber of Commerce and City of Elba hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony last Friday morning, Oct. 11, for the State Farm Lee Milliner Insurance Agency office located on the square in downtown Elba. This was also the grand opening celebration for the office. Milliner purchased the office from former State Farm Agent Kenneth Calhoun earlier this year. Calhoun was on hand for the ribbon cutting and grand opening to offer well-wishes to Milliner as he continues to offer State Farm insurance to the Elba area. Mayor Pro Tem Jane Brunson handled the official ribbon cutting duties for last week's celebration as other city and chamber officials and family and friends surrounded Milliner for the special ceremony. Milliner's State Farm office is located at 324 Simmons Street in downtown Elba.



## EDITORIAL

## Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024, through Monday, Oct. 14, 2024, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

**Tuesday, Oct. 8** – Animal complaint reported at 1289 Neil Grantham Dr (1:37 p.m.); Grass fire reported at 785 County Rd 401 (2:35 p.m.); Vehicle accident reported at 469 Claxton Ave N (5:04 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 2615 Hickman Ave (5:48 p.m.); Vehicle wreck reported at Hwy 203 and Davis St E (8:47 p.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of Sunset Blvd and Morrow Ave (11:51 p.m.). Fourteen traffic stops resulted in two written warnings, ten citations, one assistance rendered, and one verbal warning.

**Wednesday, Oct. 9** –

Suspicious circumstances reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (12:57 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 389 Tucker Ave – w/impound (7:11 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1649 Boswell St – w/citation issued (8:20 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 2732 Hickman Ave (3:28 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1631 Claxton Ave N (7:14 p.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 214 Factory Ave (8:53 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in five written warnings, and one verbal warning.

**Thursday, Oct. 10** – Harassment reported at 977 Carver Dr (11:55 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1649 Boswell St (3:20 p.m.); Prowler reported on Taylor Mill Rd (10:41 p.m.). Nine traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, two citations, and one arrest.

**Friday, Oct. 11** – Suspicious person reported on Smith Ave – w/verbal warning issued (11:38 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 21158 Hwy 87 (4:36 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 452 County Rd 367 (6:47 p.m.). Fifteen traffic stops resulted in seven written warnings, three verbal warnings, and five citations.

**Saturday, Oct. 12** – Noise complaint reported at 219 Old Samson Rd (12:15 a.m.); Vehicle accident reported at 2727 County Rd 404 (4:50 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

**Sunday, Oct. 13** – Routine activity.

**Monday, Oct. 14** – Damage to property reported at 990 Hwy 203 (9:03 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 144 Hwy 203 (9:37 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a controlled burn fire at Hwy 87 and County Rd 418 (12:02 p.m.); Disorderly person reported at 706 Kennedy Dr (1:56 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1007 Neil Grantham Dr (3:55 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 300 Champ McCollough Dr (6:26 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in three written warnings, one verbal warning, and one arrest.



## Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou and Papa headed out on a 'Cruisin the Coast' adventure last week while Sister and Little Bean stayed home, and what an adventure it turned out to be for all!

The Lou Lou and Papa trip involved seeing lots of 'rides' from yesteryear and attending a Beach Boys concert. Yep...the Beach Boys are still performing after all these years!

On Friday, the two got out and about cruising the highway and looking at the different 'old' cars and trucks that had come down to the coast for the annual event. As a retired mechanic, Papa as been a car guy for most of his life, and it really showed as he and Lou Lou took this ride.

Papa could simply look at a car or truck and tell Lou Lou the year model of that vehicle. Lou Lou quickly decided that the vehicles made in the 50's obviously are Papa's favorite because those were the ones he got most excited about and would yell out the year model to her.

The biggest lesson of the day was - Chevrolet did not introduce a V8 to it's vehicles until either 1954 or 1955 while Ford has had V8's since the 1930.

Who knew! Not Lou Lou! That evening, the two attended the Beach Boys concert.

As they made it to the theater for the concert, Lou Lou quickly realized this was definitely one for the old(er) crowd. For a while she wondered if she would be the youngest person in the entire place, but fortunately there soon were some more folks that appeared to be just like her - a daughter or son taking mom or dad to the event! There even ended up being some young grandkids in attendance with the family. Lou Lou was amazed at how well the Beach Boys still do as performers. They put on a great show, and seemed to truly enjoy being lifelong entertainers.

It was fun to watch these guys interact with the crowd and great to listen to songs that we all know regardless of our age!

Every once in a while, Lou Lou even caught Papa singing along with the songs...she knew then that she had struck gold in bringing him on this adventure!

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## Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Editor

Ever since the Coffee County Lake 'temporarily' closed to start this year, we have often been asked when it was going to reopen. The only answer we have been able to provide is "we are not sure but are being told that city, county and state officials are working to make that happen." Well...we still don't know. But...we are hearing rumblings that those officials are still working together to reopen the lake. It is our understanding that once the lake does reopen this time, that Coffee County officials will take the lead in daily operations for the state. The City of Elba also will have an interest in the lake operations, but not be solely 'on the hook' for daily operations any longer.

We also understand officials are working on trying to get a walking trail established around the lake that would accommodate bird watching. Now, this sounds like it could be a nice addition to the things to do at the lake, but for the most part, we remind officials that the majority of the lake-goers are more concerned with fishing than bird watching. We aren't saying don't implement a walking trail for bird watching, but we are saying don't hold up the reopening of the lake for that. The walking trail and bird watching station can be something added later on while doing the things necessary to reopen the lake for fishing should be the number one priority for this joint project.

While on the subject of waterways...we attended an event last week recognizing that 107 miles of the Pea River, which runs through Elba, now has mile-marker signs in place along the river. This is the highest number of mile markers along a single river in Alabama thus making the Pea River the safest marked waterway to paddle in the entire state. Several groups were involved in making this happen, but a big thank you and salute goes to Tony Johnson, owner of Pea River Outdoors, for doing a majority of the work in place the mile marker signs along the river in Coffee County. Also, members of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department are to be commended for there help in getting this done. We extend a big "Way to Go" to all involved.

The Elba Chamber of Commerce and City of Elba are working to put together the 2024 edition of Pumpkins on the Square later this month. This event has become one of the biggest annually hosted by the Chamber. It offers a safe way for youngsters to do their trick-or-treating by walking around the square to different businesses, churches, and civic organizations that have set up tables to pass out the much sought after candy. The event also includes live entertainment, a costume contest, bounce houses, and more! Oh yeah! The Coffee County Farm-City Committee also holds its annual Peanut Boil each year in conjunction with Pumpkins on the Square. If you have never been to the event...well...you are missing out on a big time! There are lots smiles, good fun to be had, and people everywhere! We are convinced Elba's population doubles on the night of Pumpkins each year!!

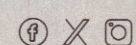


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New Brockton Homecoming Freshmen Attendant Lucy Williams is shown here waiting last Friday afternoon, Oct. 11, for the annual Homecoming Parade to begin.

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Alvin Jones 11/2  
Megan King 11/3  
Joshua Armani Kelley 11/3  
Dee-Nard Brooks 11/5  
Zane Hall 11/5

**31st Annual Laymen Celebration** at Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church will be Sunday, Oct. 20, at 2 p.m. Guest speaker will be Willie O. Edwards, pastor of Star of Hope in Luverne, Ala. All Piney Grove Laymen's are asked to donate \$25.

### The Critic

When John F. Kennedy was president of the United States, newspaper columnists frequently wrote advising Kennedy how he could do a better job. In response to these critics, Kennedy told a story of a legendary baseball player. "He never failed to hit when at bat and never dropped a ball," Kennedy said. "Grounders never dribbled between his legs. He threw with unerring accuracy. In the field and on the bases he had the speed and grace of a leopard. He never tired or missed a signal. In fact, He would have been one of the all-time greats except for one thing - no one was ever able to get him to put down his soft drink and hot dog and come out of the press box to play." Jesus did not simply command us to be baptized; Jesus, Himself, was baptized. Jesus was not a critic; He was a doer. What He instructed others to do, He did. He set the ultimate example through a lifestyle that modeled the teachings that He gave. Though Jesus had no reason to repent (because He was without sin), He showed us what we are to do by being baptized. He not only taught us the right thing to do. He did what was right. - L.D.C.

### Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 10/17/24

Q: What question did the Philippian jailer ask Paul and Silas?  
A: Sirs, what must I do to be saved? [Acts 16:30]  
Q: What did Gideon's men cry as they went into battle?  
A: The sword of the Lord and of Gideon. [Judge 7:20]

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## What does the Bible say about... God?

Article written by Douglas Williams



"There is a God in heaven...." (Daniel 2:28). The Bible begins with the fact of God by stating "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). After the Bible begins with this verse, the first two chapters of Genesis, and many other places gives details about all things that God created.

Psalms 19:1 states, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows his handiwork." Even though we can see many evidences of God in nature of the world around us, we cannot know the mind of God and His will for us except as God has revealed this knowledge to us in the Bible.

1 John 4:8 and 16 tells us "God is love," and the Bible pictures God as our loving heavenly father. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 describes love, and since God is love, the following attributes of God are evident. God suffers long, is kind, does not envy, is not puffed up, does not behave rudely, is not easily provoked....God never fails.

God is eternal, infinite,

and He never changes. God is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. He is characterized as holy, just, merciful, and faithful--He cannot lie (Titus 1:2).

The Bible reveals God to us as the one and only God. However, God makes himself known to us in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Thus, three separate personalities that possess the one Divine nature, i.e. three persons in one Godhead; the trinity, but not three Gods.

The Bible says, "The Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy might" (Deuteronomy 6:4-5).

In this writing we have only been able to present a few things about God. But information about God's greatness, goodness, power, etc. is presented in the Bible so abundantly.

My prayer is that our faith in God will grow stronger; and that we will trust and obey His will as revealed in our Bibles. Feel free to contact me if I may help you in your study of God's word.

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Give as many specifics as the child seems interested in hearing. When possible, arrange for the child to visit the funeral home before the funeral. This allows him or her more freedom to react and talk openly about feelings and concerns.

If the body will be viewed either at a visitation or at the funeral itself, let the child know this in advance. Explain what the casket and the body will look like. If the body is to be cremated, explain what cremation means and what will happen to the ashes. Be sure the child understands that because the person is dead, he doesn't feel pain or anything at all during cremation.

Also help children anticipate that they will see people expressing a wide variety of emotions at the funeral. They will see tears, straight faces and laughter. If adults are able to openly show feelings, including crying, children will feel much more free to express a sense of loss at their own level.

Help the child understand why we have funerals. Children need to know that the funeral is a time of sadness because someone has died, a time to honor the person who died, a time to help comfort and support each other and a time to affirm that life goes on.

One thing children seem easily to embrace is that funerals are a time to say goodbye. If the body is to be viewed, tell the child that seeing the body helps people say goodbye.

Now is also a good time to explain to the child what spiritual significance the funeral has for you and your family. This can be difficult, for even adults have a hard time articulating their beliefs about life and death. One guideline: children have difficulty understanding abstractions, so it is best to use concrete terms when talking about religious concepts.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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# Obituaries

## PEGGY FRANCES

### HAM

Mrs. Peggy Frances Ham, age 87, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024, at Enterprise Health & Rehabilitation Center in Enterprise, Ala.



Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024, at 3 p.m., from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Sam Self officiating. Burial followed in the New Home Cemetery

with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Peggy was preceded in death by her husband, Rex Ham; parents, Hubbard and Lena Bell Parker Weeks; and her brother, Dennis Weeks.

Survivors include her daughter: Rene (Gary D) Lambert, Elba; grandsons: Blake D (Maggie) Lambert, Decatur, Ala., and Brock A (Claire) Lambert, Elba; great-grandson: Briggs Michael Lambert, Elba; along with her sisters: Doris Matthews and Charlotte Brewer, both of Elba.

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Coffee County Water Authority has filed an application with ADEM for State Revolving Loan and American Rescue Funds to construct a new elevated water storage tank and a water supply well. A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21, at 5:30 P.M. at the office of the utility located at 401 E Davis Street, Elba, AL 36323 to acquaint citizens with the scope of the overall project. There will be a discussion on such items as economic and environmental impact, service area, alternatives, and other issues involving the project.

9/26,10/3,10&17-chg.

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the contracting of collection of garbage services will be received by the City of Elba, in the meeting room at the City Hall of Elba at 200 Buford Street; Elba, Alabama until 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time, Monday, October 28, 2024, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud.

The work generally consists of approximately the following: the collection of garbage services for the City of Elba.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the City Hall Tuesday, October 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

To be eligible for consideration, bids must be submitted on complete proposals made available by the Owner. Complete digital project bidding documents are available upon request to Sally Bane, City Clerk at [sbane@elbaal.gov](mailto:sbane@elbaal.gov). Optional complete paper bid documents are available at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street Elba, AL 36323.

All bids shall be submitted using the form provided in the bid packet. Bids not submitted with the form will not be opened. All Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the Bidder, Bidder's license number, address and name of the project. Envelopes containing bids must be addressed as follows and delivered to the City Hall of Elba at 200 Buford Street; Elba, Alabama, 36323, "Collection of Garbage Services."

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities, or to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract to the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. The successful bidder will be required to submit 100% performance and payment bonds.

Guarantee will be required with each bid for at least 5% of the amount of the bid filed in the form of a certified check, Bid Bond, or irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the owner payable to the City of Elba. Bid Bonds shall include certification that the bonding company is listed in Circular 570 of the U.S. Treasury Department. The name, address, telephone number, and contact person for the bonding company shall also be included.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids.

**Tom Maddox** Mayor, City of Elba 9/26,10/3,10&17-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

CASE NO.: PR-2024-131  
**In the Matter of the Estate of Jason Javell McKenzie, Deceased.**

#### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Barbara Jones McKenzie, Personal Representative, on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson

Jodee R. Thompson,

Probate Judge

10/3,10&17-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO.: PR-2024-156

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANIEL LEE MUNGER, DECEASED

#### NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of DANIEL LEE MUNGER, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Mika A. Munger  
MIKA A. MUNGER  
Personal Representative of said Estate  
10/10,17&24-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO.: PR-2024-178

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SARAH L. GRIGGS, DECEASED.

#### NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Sarah L. Griggs, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ John F. Griggs  
John F. Griggs  
Personal Representative of said Estate  
10/17,24&31-pd.

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION LEGAL NOTICE

"Notice is hereby given that Rothel Moody Contracting, Inc., P.O. Box 14, Opp, Alabama 36467 has completed all work on **Drainage & Road Improvements, CDBG Project No. LR-CM-PF-22-010 for the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama.**" All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above-named Contractor and Sally Bane, City Clerk, 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama 36323. All claims should be filed within 30 days of the final publication of this notice.

10/17,24,31&11/7-chg.

Coffee County Water Authority  
Coffee County, Al

#### Water System Improvement Project

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Water System Improvement Project will be received by the Coffee County Water Authority, at their office, which is located at 401 E. Davis Street, Elba, AL 36323, until 12:00 p.m. local time on November 8, 2024 at which time the Bids received will be opened and read aloud. The Project consists of constructing a 300,000-gallon elevated water storage tank and a 600 GPM water supply well.

Separate Bids will be received for the following Contracts:

Contract No. 1-Elevated Water Storage Tank, Estimate=\$1,450,000, Contract time=300 days  
Contract No. 2-Water Supply Well, Estimate=\$1,500,000, Contract time=240 days

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: DHA Engineering, LLC., 2323 W. Main St, Suite 227B, Dothan, AL 36301, [emilyamesdha@gmail.com](mailto:emilyamesdha@gmail.com). Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office via pick-up or mail upon a non-refundable production cost payment of \$100.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at the Coffee County Water Authority Office, 401 E. Davis Street, Elba, AL 36323.

All bidders must register as an official plan holder with the engineer no later than 48 hours prior to the bid opening.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and reject any or all bids.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders.

Bidders shall submit proof of qualifications to perform the Work as described in the Instructions to Bidders.

This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number SLFRP2635 awarded to the State of Alabama by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Owner: Coffee County Water Authority  
By: Kenneth Baker  
Title: Chairman  
Date: 10/10/24  
10/17-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO.: PC 2024-047

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES THOMAS BAREFOOT, DECEASED

PATRICIA L. BAREFOOT, PETITIONER.

NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by Patricia L. Barefoot on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, and that 30 days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to law the Court shall be requested to enter an Order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent. Done this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson

Judge of Probate

Attorney for Petitioner: Jeffery D. Hatcher  
Post Office Box 189  
Geneva, AL 36340  
10/17-pd.

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### STATE OF ALABAMA PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature at its 2023 Regular Session enacted Act No. 2023-236 (SB295), which ordered an election to be held on a proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022 relating to Geneva County, Alabama; and WHEREAS notice of this election, together with the proposed amendment, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, to be published once a week for four successive weeks preceding the date appointed for the election in each newspaper qualified to run legal notices in the county affected;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, an election will be held in Geneva County, Alabama, in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama:

### A M E N D M E N T PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2023-236

In Geneva County, mayors of municipalities that participate in the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama may participate in the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama upon the same terms and conditions as may be specified by law for any other employee in the same retirement system. A mayor holding office at the time of the ratification of this amendment shall be eligible to purchase service credit in the Employees' Retirement System for the time the official has served in the current office. No individual may participate in both a supernumerary program and the Employees' Retirement System based on the same service.

FURTHER, I proclaim and direct that this proclamation shall be published once a week for the four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in each newspaper qualified to run legal notices in Geneva County, Alabama.

### STATE OF ALABAMA PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature at its 2024 Regular Session enacted Act No. 2024-301 (HB302), proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022;

WHEREAS, in conformity with Section 284 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, as amended, the Legislature has ordered an election by the qualified electors of the state upon such proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS notice of this election, together with the proposed amendment, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, which shall be published once a week for at least four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, an election will be held in the State of Alabama in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama:

### A M E N D M E N T PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2024-301

(a) All sixteenth section and indemnity school land that is owned in fee simple by the Franklin County School System, is located in Fayette County and Walker County, and is for the exclusive use of schools in the Franklin County School System is vested in the Franklin County Board of Education. The board may manage, sell, lease, and control the land and any timber, minerals, or other natural resource of the land.

(b) Any proceeds generated

from the sale of timber, minerals, or other natural resource of the land, or from the lease or sale of the land or its natural resources, shall be paid to the Franklin County Board of Education and deposited into the Franklin County Board of Education General Fund.

(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that this amendment supersede any other provision of this constitution that may be construed as conflicting with this amendment as it relates to the land and the rights, power, and control thereof and to the sale, lease, or other disposition of the land and timber, minerals, or other natural resource of the land, and any proceeds and interest earned therefrom.

(d) Upon ratification of this amendment, all proceeds realized from the sale, lease, or other disposition of the land or the sale of timber, minerals, or other natural resource of the land occurring before ratification of this amendment, and held in trust by the State of Alabama, shall continue to be held in trust, and any proceeds and interest derived from those transactions shall be paid to the Franklin County Board of Education.

FURTHER, I proclaim and direct that this proclamation shall be published once a week for the four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in every county as required by law.

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO. PC 2024-050

IN RE: THE ESTATE  
OF SAMUEL DAVID  
BLUDSWORTH,  
DECEASED

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Debra Carnley, Administrator, on the 8th day of October, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Debra Carnley  
Administrator  
4630 County Road 460  
Samson, Alabama 36477

Benjamin S. Armstrong  
Attorney for Administrator  
Attorney at Law  
200 Grove Park, Suite 670  
Dothan, Alabama 36305  
10/17.24&31-pd.

### IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA BY PERSONAL CASE NO. PC 2023-085

IN RE: THESE ESTATE  
OF DERALD S.  
GULLEDGE,  
DECEASED

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Hon. Amy Marshall, Personal Representative, on the 1st day of October, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required

to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Jodee R. Thompson, Judge  
of Probate  
10/17.24&31-pd.

### NOTICE OF ELECTION STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE

Pursuant to and in accordance with Ala. Code § 17-9-5 (1975), and such other requirements, I, Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, do hereby give notice that the General Election will be conducted in Coffee County on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The offices to appear on the ballot are as follows:

President of the United States  
Unites States Representative – 2nd District  
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

Associate Justice of Supreme Court (4)  
Public Service Commissioner

Circuit Court Judge – District 12  
Circuit Clerk

Probate Judge  
County Commission – District 1

County Commission – District 2

County Commission – District 3

County Commission – District 4

County Commission – District 5

County Commission – District 6

County Commission – District 7

County Board of Education – District 2

County Board of Education – District 3

County Board of Education – District 5

On Tuesday, October 29th beginning at 1:30 p.m. the voting machines to be used in the November 5th General Election will be tested. The voting machine check will be conducted at the Farm Center Coliseum Building at the Coffee County Complex, E. McKinnon St., New Brockton. The test is open to the general public and anyone is invited to attend.

This testing is pursuant to §17-7-25 Code of Alabama, (1975) as amended.

/s/Jodee R. Thompson,  
Judge of Probate  
Coffee County, Alabama  
10/17-chg.

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO.: 24-802

IN RE: THE ESTATE  
OF SANDRA JEAN  
THOMPSON,  
DECEASED

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased have been granted to Rebecca Monaghan, Personal Representative, on the 9th day of Oct., 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court, Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or same will be barred.

/s/ Toby L. Seay  
Alfred J. Danner  
Attorney for Petitioner  
P.O. Box 33  
Geneva, AL 36340  
10/17.24&31-pd.

## STATE OF ALABAMA: COUNTY OF COFFEE: ELECTION APPOINTMENT BOARD POLL WORKER APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to the provision of Section §17-8-1 et. Seq., Code of Alabama, 1975 as last amended, we the undersigned Virginia Cavanaugh for Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate; Scott Byrd, Sheriff; and Krista Andrews for Amy Reeves, Clerk of Circuit Court, as members of the Election Appointment Board for Coffee County Alabama do hereby appoint the following named electors to conduct the General Election to be held on November 5, 2024.

Done this the 16th day of October, 2024  
/s/ Virginia Cavanaugh for Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate  
/s/ Scott Byrd, Sheriff  
/s/ Krista Andrews for Amy Reeves, Clerk of Circuit Court

### NOTICE TO ALL ELECTION OFFICIALS

In accordance with the 1975 Code of Alabama Section §17-8-9, a School of Instruction will be held for all election officials. State law provides that no election official shall serve in any election district in which a voting machine is used, unless he or she has received such instruction from the instructor prior to each election. All election officials must attend the election schools by law. The Election School will be held on the following dates:

\*9:00 a.m., Saturday,

October 26th

At the Coffee County Commission Meeting Room, in New Brockton

### DISTRICT ONE ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

CHRIS SUTLEY -

INSPECTOR

NANCY CROWE -

PROVISIONAL BALLOT

OFFICER

VELMA MOORE -

CLERK

WAYNE SUTLEY -

CLERK

MAC MOORE - CLERK

JOAN WARD - CLERK

MARY GRIDER - CLERK

WISE MILL

JULIA A. BROOKS -

INSPECTOR

SARA ELIZABETH

DYESS - CLERK

SYBLE HENDERSON -

CLERK

GLORIA MOSELEY -

CLERK

NEW BROCKTON

COMMUNITY ROOM

CHARLES ELLZEY -

INSPECTOR

CYNTHIA SMART -

CLERK

CAROLYN MORGAN -

CLERK

DEBBIE WALTERS -

CLERK

RENE WHITE - CLERK

PINE LEVEL

DIANE SMITH -

INSPECTOR

JEAN HELMS - CLERK

WAYNE SMITH - CLERK

DANIEL STEPHENS -

CLERK

NEWBIA

ESTIN BAKER -

INSPECTOR

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CLERK

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CLERK

SPURLEY STAGNER -

CLERK

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INSPECTOR

SHEILA MILES - CLERK

DEBRA LITTLE -

CLERK

BRITTANY JACOBS -

CLERK

ZION CHAPEL

LINDA FLOWERS -

INSPECTOR

ANNETTE PARKER -

CLERK

TERRY MILLER -

CLERK

KATHY MCLEOD -

CLERK

BOBBY WAYNE

NELSON - CLERK

LEE COMMUNITY

CHARLOTTE

ANDERSON -

INSPECTOR

BERNICE CULVER -

CLERK

JOAN DOWNING -

CLERK

JANICE COLE - CLERK

DISTRICT TWO

HERITAGE

METHODIST CHURCH

TINA LEWIS -

INSPECTOR

STEPHANIE JOHNSON -

PROVISIONAL BALLOT

OFFICER

MARY PRIDGEN -

CLERK

WALTER XAVIER

LEWIS - CLERK

MARK WESLEY

JOHNSON - CLERK

MICHAEL E JOHNSON -

CLERK

PATRICK LAIDLAW -

CLERK

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CLERK

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CLERK

NICHOLAS CIRANNI,

JR. - CLERK

ALETHA SOLOMON -

CLERK

FRISCO

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BROWN - INSPECTOR

WILLIE MAE BROWN -

CLERK

MARY ALICE WALKER

- CLERK

TOMMIE ORTEGA -

CLERK

EANON

DONALD CULLEN -

INSPECTOR

ELIZABETH WHITAKER

- CLERK

BOB LITTLEFIELD -

CLERK

ART ESTRADA - CLERK

DISTRICT THREE

HOLLEYS STORE

INSPECTOR

MELISSA HOLLEY -

CLERK

SHERRY HATAWAY -

CLERK

KELLY HATAWAY -

CLERK

DAMASCUS

LUKE GREEN -

INSPECTOR

HARRY DAVIS - CLERK

LOETTE NELSON -

CLERK

DEBBIE WILKINS -

CLERK

KATHY DAVIS - CLERK

PLEASANT RIDGE

DONNA DAVILA -

INSPECTOR

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CLERK

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CLERK

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INSPECTOR

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BILL MCDANIEL -

INSPECTOR

TINA MCDANIEL -

CLERK

ROBERT HELMS -

CLERK

FRED GRILL - CLERK

KINSTON

CHRIS BAKER -

INSPECTOR

GLENDA CLARK -

CLERK

MYRA MOSS - CLERK

MYRA MULLINS -

CLERK

BASIN

JANE GREEN -

INSPECTOR

MATT BRUNSON -



## SPORTS NEWS

## Views From

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*We accompanied our daughter Melissa and grandson Lawson to Atlanta over the three-day holiday weekend, and while we didn't make the trip to the Georgia Aquarium, we did join the fun at the Atlanta Zoo and made the ride up to the top of Stone Mountain, and even stopped by Buc-ee's on the way home near Auburn. We were a little tired by the time we made it back home, but it was a fun weekend and we never miss a chance to enjoy being with our family.*

## For what it is worth...

\*\*\* *The Elba Tigers picked up their fifth straight win* and kept their region title hopes alive and well last week with a big 56-6 win over Pleasant Home. The Tigers offense ran up and down the field against the outmanned Eagles and after a turnover on their first possession scored on their next eight possessions to light up the scoreboard. Alvin Henderson had another big game with 153 yards and two touchdowns rushing on just seven carries, while Jacob Ledbetter enjoyed the Thursday night special as he rushed for 66 yards and two td's on just two carries and caught a pass for a 25-yard touchdown, giving him three touchdowns on three touches. Not a bad night! The Elba defense allowed a late score against the Tiger reserves, but was dominant all night and until Pleasant Home's final possession had allowed only 17 yards in total offense. The defense has been a force in the last two weeks and appears to be ready for a late-season race toward a region title.

\*\*\* *Zion Chapel enjoyed its homecoming* last week with an exciting 21-20 win over Baker, but it wasn't a week to remember for the rest of the teams in the area as New Brockton dropped its homecoming game to Ashford 41-0, Kinston was outmanned in a 58-0 loss to McKenzie and Brantley got knocked off on the road by Florala 36-22. The Rebels used big plays and a stingy defense to knock off the Gators from Florida that crossed the state line with a 6-1 record as they put an end to a four-game losing streak, while the Bulldogs from Coffee County simply could not match the speed of their opponents and continued their region woes, and the Bulldogs from Crenshaw County were upset and all of the sudden may need some help just to make the post-season.

\*\*\* It was an exciting week across the state for many teams with 13 ranked teams tasting defeat in region contests that are were more important than ever as the season continued to wind down. \* *In 1A*, ninth-ranked Brantley lost to Florala 36-22 and tenth-ranked Verbena lost to Autauga Academy 22-8, while top-ranked Wadley squeaked past Lee-Scott 29-28 and number two Leroy rolled over Southern Choctaw 28-6. In games with local interest, Georgiana blanked Red Level 43-0, Maplesville mauled Billingsley 57-14 and Sweet Water flattened *Fruitdale 55-12*. \* In 2A, no ranked teams lost, while top-ranked Pisgah dumped Cedar Bluff 53-13 and second-ranked Highland Home defeat Luverne 35-8, while in games with local interest Cottonwood remained undefeated with a 57-6 win over Arifton, Goshen ran over Pike Lib 64-27, Houston County embarrassed G.W. Long 42-3 and Geneva County rallied to get past winless Samson 44-28. \* *In 3A*, all the teams ranked in the Top 10 claimed wins, led by number one T.R. Miller with a 35-0 win over Excel and number two Mars Hill with a 55-6 win over Elkmont, while in games with a little more local interest Houston Academy pounded Prattville Christian 49-0, Slocumb lost to Montgomery Academy 50-12 and Northside Methodist was blanked by Trinity 38-0. \* *In 4A*, the teams ranked eighth through tenth all lost, while number one Jackson kicked sand on Orange Beach 40-13 and number two Pleasant Grove pounded Holt 50-6, while in games with local interest Opp bounced back with an impressive 38-6 win over Geneva, Straughn continued its late-season surge with a 24-0 win over Pike County and Dale County dumped Daleville 42-12. \* *In 5A*, number seven Leeds lost to number six Moody 38-22 and ninth-ranked Scottsboro lost to number two Guntersville 34-7, while top-ranked Montgomery Catholic humbled Headland 63-0, and in

games with local interest Andalusia surprised Eufaula 35-7 and Greenville got past Carroll 22-20. \* *In 6A*, number six Muscle Shoals and number ten Chelsea both lost, while top-ranked Saraland battled past St. Paul's 19-14 and number two Clay-Chalkville hammered Huffman 66-12, and in a game of local interest Rehobeth got its first 6A win with a 33-32 squeaker over Park Crossing. \* *In 7A*, number five Enterprise lost to Opelika 30-13 and number seven Montgomery Carver lost to second-ranked Central Phenix City 31-26, while top-ranked Auburn smothered Smiths Station 70-6, and in a game with local interest Dothan jabbed JAG 37-0.

\*\*\* *I know a win is a win*, but is it possible that Alabama's 27-25 win over South Carolina was even worse than its loss last weekend to Vanderbilt? The final 1:37 of the first half when the Tide saw a 14-0 lead shrink to 14-12 after a fourth down touchdown pass, a safety and then a field-goal after a turnover made the first half ugly, but then to almost blow a seven-point lead in the final minutes of the game and allow South Carolina to recover an on-sides kick made the entire game one almost too crazy to believe. I guess the biggest question for Bama fans to ask is was the sloppy, uninspired play against South Carolina the bottom of the barrel, or was it just the next chapter in the Tide's decline into mediocrity.

\*\*\* *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* was in a little better mood this week and said that it is almost time to start peeking ahead to possible prep playoff matchups. He did admit that many questions will be answered this week for area teams, and whether fans like it or not, the regular season is fast drawing to a close. The local guesspert hit on 30 of 36 picks last week, and handed off this week's picks still looking for a perfect week.

## ELBA VS. GEORGIANA

The Pea River felines will be looking to defend their home turf this week when a litter of kitties from up in the woods head to town with plans to steal a win. The felines should be well rested after the last two weeks, and will need every bit of energy they can muster to keep that winning streak alive against these feisty kitties.

## ELBA 34 GEORGIANA 26

## KINSTON VS. PLEASANT HOME

The bulldogs from down near the county line have been going hungry the last couple of weeks and have to be looking forward to a feast this week after what they hope will be a big win over a flock of birds that are expected to arrive just before dark over the weekend. Something tells me the feathers will be flying!

## KINSTON 54 PLEASANT HOME 12

## BRANTLEY VS. MCKENZIE

The bulldogs from up across the creek have their bags all packed for a weekend trip across the county line and plan to do a little hunting just after dark on Friday night

looking to cage some kitties that have causing havoc in the region. The chase could last long into the night, but the guess here is the bulldogs bag a big win.

## BRANTLEY 34 MCKENZIE 24

## ZION CHAPEL VS. CALHOUN

The troops from up at Fort Jack will head out into the woods of Lowndes County this weekend looking to bag some furs for the upcoming winter and have a spot picked out where a litter of kitties have been known to hang out. After this trip there should be plenty of fur to keep all the troops warm for a while.

## ZION CHAPEL 33 CALHOUN 8

## NEW BROCKTON VS. STRAUGHN

The roosters from behind the warehouse will hitch-hike over across the lake this weekend looking to quiet down a litter of kitties that have been making lots of noise all season across the region. This should be good one with lots of noise coming from both sidelines.

## STRAUGHN 22 NEW BROCKTON 20

## OTHER PICKS:

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## Elba Tigers host Georgiana Panthers in key region clash with playoffs on line

The Elba Tigers will continue their trek toward a fourth straight region title Friday night when they host the Georgiana Panthers, in a clash of 1A football powers.

The Tigers will enter the game riding a five-game winning streak and tied atop the region race with a 4-1 record, while the Panthers snapped a two-game losing streak last week with a 43-0 win over Red Level and will also bring a 4-1 region record into the contest.

"Georgiana is filled with athletes all over the field and is without a doubt one of the top teams in the state in our classification," said Elba's Coach Marc Sieving. "It has already defeated Florala and McKenzie, which are two of the best teams in the

region, and can wrap up the region title with a win Friday night."

Georgiana, coached by Berry Bess, has posted wins over Arifton 30-14, Florala 40-8, McKenzie 48-24, Kinston 48-0 and Red Level 43-0, while losing to Sweet Water 57-34 and Brantley 16-12.

The Panthers struggled to an 0-10 record back in 2021, but since have posted a 22-8 record and are coming off a 10-2 record a year ago.

"Georgiana is solid on both sides of the ball, not just on offense," said Sieving. "Its offense is explosive and can score from anywhere on the field at any time. It has a shifty quarterback that does a great job of keeping his eyes downfield when forced out of the pocket

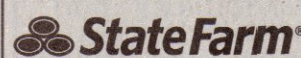
and receivers that find an open spot and can catch the ball. It keeps the ball in the hands of its best players and the results are usually a lot of points. Over on defense it runs to the football and loves to hit folks. It may not be as big as some teams we have played, but it has good team speed on the defensive side and does a good job preventing teams from getting outside."

"For us to be successful Friday night we will have to play our best on every play on both sides of the ball," added Sieving. "On offense we will need to establish the run, be physical at the line of scrimmage and stay away from penalties. Our offense centers around our ability to run the ball and that gives us chances to be successful throwing the ball. Over on defense we have to tackle well and play aggressive, but play sound at the same time. When their quarterback scrambles he looks downfield for receivers, and that means we will have to be smart in the secondary and not get caught looking in the

backfield. Georgiana will challenge our defense on every play, and it will be a key to our success to be solid and play our best on that side of the ball."

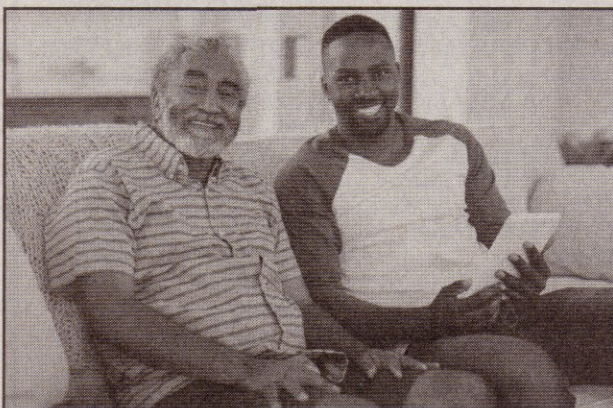
When asked about last week's 56-8 region road win over Pleasant Home, Coach Sieving stated, "It was a good win because it was a region win on the road and kept us in the race to win the region title. It was good that everyone dressed out got the chance to play, and that we continued to show improvement in many areas. Anytime you take the field it is a challenge, and we were able to meet that challenge and get a win. The offense scored on eight straight possessions and was able to run the ball well, while on defense we really stepped up at the line of scrimmage and were able to dictate the tempo of the game. It was a great win and we expect it to lead us to even better wins as the season goes forward."

Kickoff for the region clash will be at 7:00 pm at Tiger Stadium.



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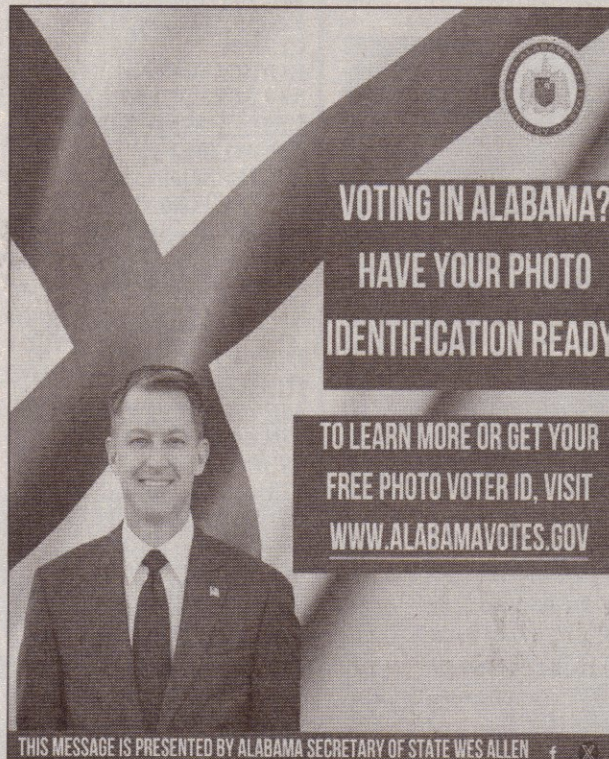
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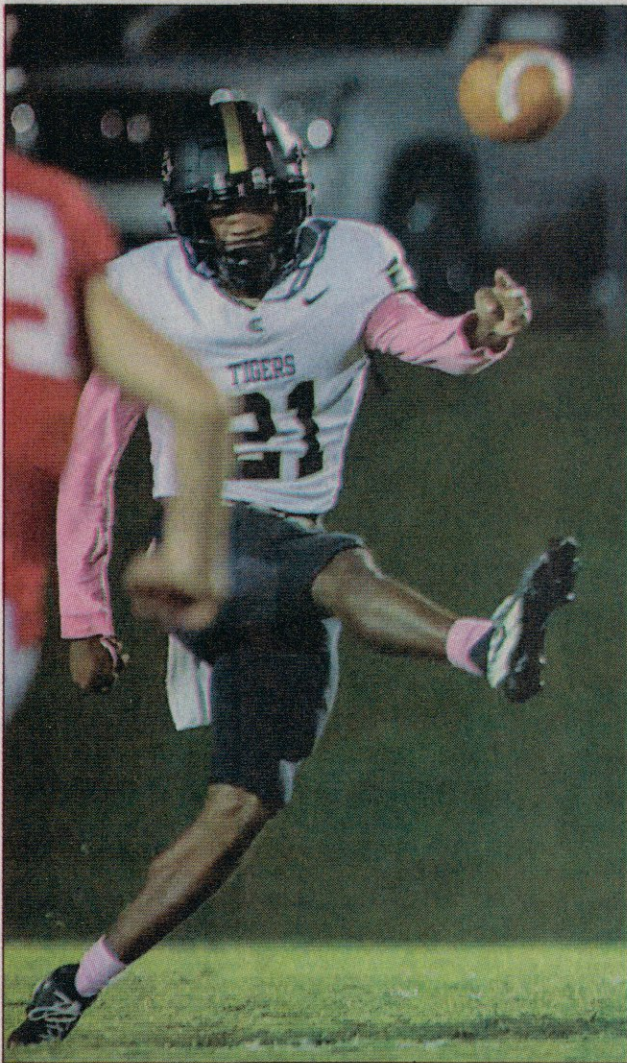
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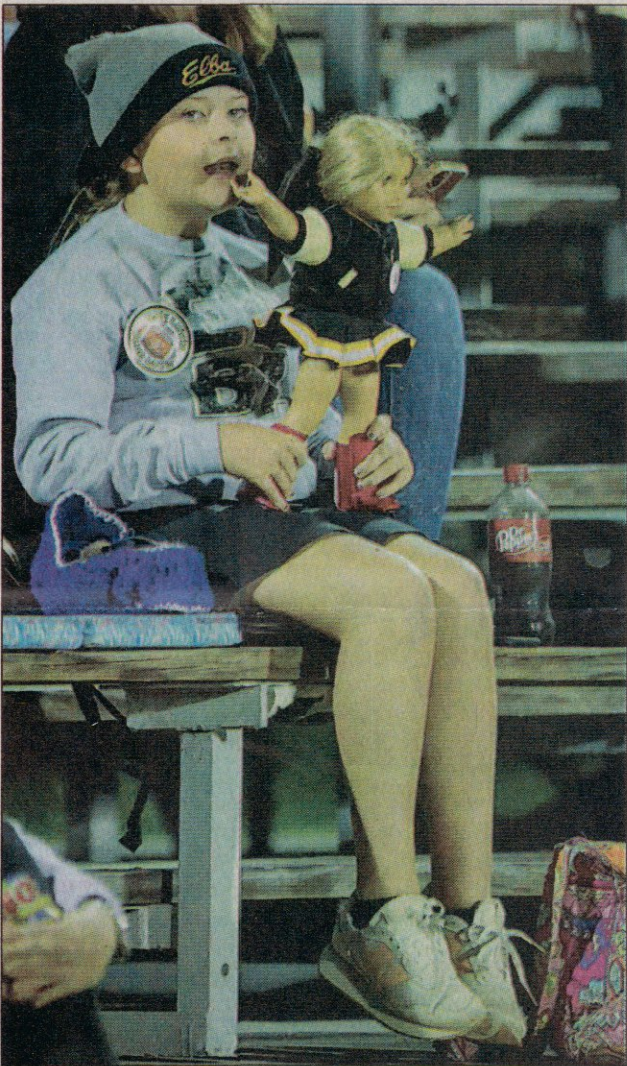
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# SPORTS NEWS



Elba Tiger Trai Davis (21) had a busy night kicking off and a perfect 8 for 8 night kicking extra points in last week's 56-8 region road win.



Elba Tiger fan Bella Bane brought along a friend last week to help cheer for the Tigers in their 56-8 region road win over the Pleasant Home Eagles.

## Elba Tigers run past Pleasant Home 56-8

By, Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor  
Photos by, BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers scored on eight straight possessions after a first quarter turnover in a solid 56-6 region road romp over the Pleasant Home Eagles, last Thursday night, at Pleasant Home.

Elba lost a fumble, on its initial possession of the night at the Pleasant Home 32-yardline, but regained possession near midfield on a defensive stand and promptly went 55 yards in three plays to go on top. Jacob Ledbetter scored the Tiger touchdown on a 41-yard dash, and Trai Davis booted the extra-point to put Elba ahead 7-0 with 1:47 left in the first quarter.

Elba began its next possession at its own 22-yardline after a pass interception by Brady Johnson and this time needed only two plays to find the endzone as on second down Alvin Henderson turned the corner and raced 73 yards for a touchdown. Davis added the extra-point as the Tigers lead grew to 14-0 with 9:32 remaining in the second quarter.

Elba got the ball back near midfield after a seven-yard Eagle punt and went 52 yards in four plays to extend its lead. Jacob Ledbetter scored his second touchdown of the half on a 25-yard run, and Davis again added the extra-point to push the Tigers lead to 21-0 with 6:01 left in the quarter.

Elba put the ball in play at the Pleasant Home 41-yardline to begin its next possession and covered the distance in only two plays, with the Tiger touchdown coming on a 25-yard pass from Cayden Adkins to Ledbetter. Davis was true with the extra-point as Elba's lead went to 28-0 with 3:01 remaining in the quarter.

Elba got the ball back late in the half at the Pleasant Home 28-yardline after a fourth down stop and Alvin Henderson scored his second td of the half one play later as he sprinted 28 yards into the endzone. David added the extra-point, and with 1:47 remaining in the half the Tigers were in command with a 35-0 lead.

Elba received the second half kickoff and needed only one play to extend its lead as Cayden Adkins kept off tackle and outran the eagle defense 61 yards for a touchdown. Trai Davis hit the extra-point as the Tigers lead stretched to 42-0 with 11:44 left in the third quarter.

Elba began its next possession at its own 45-yardline following an Eagle punt and went 55 yards in five plays to add to its lead. A 32-yard run by Powell Bane was a key play in the scoring drive, while Skylar Mitchell scored the touchdown on a 19-yard run up the middle. Davis again added the extra-point and with 4:50 left in the quarter the Tigers were on top 49-0.

Elba began its final offensive series of the night near midfield and reached the endzone for the eighth straight time, this time on a 50-yard run by Cassidy Carpenter. Davis capped off a perfect night with the extra-point as the Tigers lead ballooned to 56-0 with 11:35 left in the fourth quarter.

Pleasant Home began the ensuing possession at the Eagle 38-yardline and with the help of a running clock and the running of Devonte Purifoy ate up the remaining time off the clock and reached the endzone. Purifoy rushed for 32 yards on five carries and completed a 25-yard pass to Chris Law to lead the Eagles down the field, and it was Purifoy that scored the Eagle touchdown on a 1-yard run and then ran in the two-point conversion to close the scoring on the 56-8 Elba win.

Alvin Henderson rushed for 153 yards and 2 touchdowns on seven carries to lead the Elba attack, while Jacob Ledbetter rushed for 66 yards and 2 td's and caught a 25-yard touchdown pass, Cayden Adkins rushed for 74 yards and 1 td on four carries and completed 1 of 2 passes for 25 yards and one td, Powell Bane rushed for 33 yards and Skylar Mitchell rushed for 19 yards and 1 td on one carry.

Jacob Bryan rushed for 36 yards on 15 carries to lead Pleasant Home, while Devonte Purifoy added 24 yards and one td on nine carries and completed one pass to Chris Law for 25 yards.



Elba Tiger Jacob Ledbetter (11) eyes the endzone. Ledbetter rushed for 66 yards and 2 touchdowns on two carries and caught a 25-yard td pass in last week's 56-8 region win.

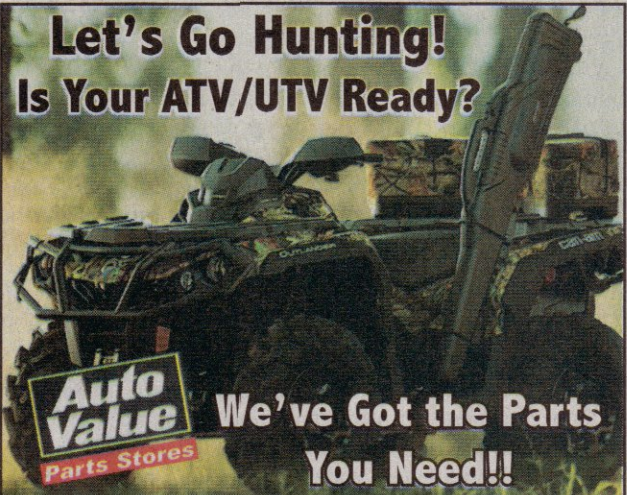


Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (2) looks for room to run. Henderson rushed for 153 yards and 2 touchdowns on seven carries last week in a big 56-8 region road win over Pleasant Home.



Elba Tiger fans enjoyed a night on the turf and a sweet treat at Pleasant Home while watching the Tigers win their fifth straight game.

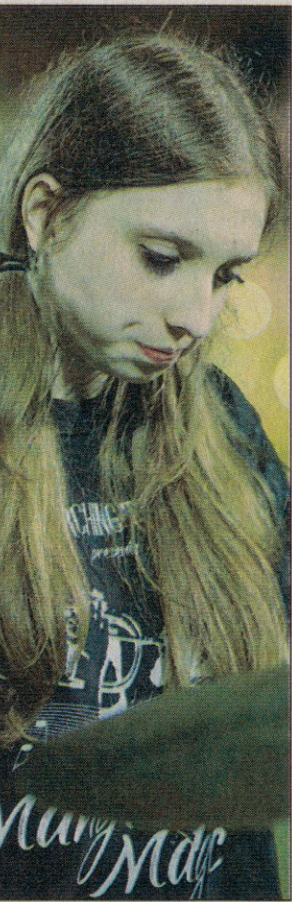
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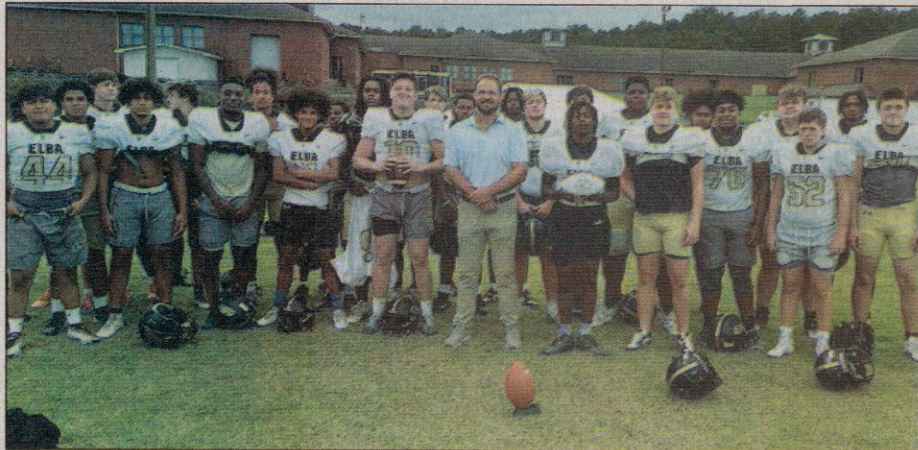
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Elba Marching Tigers made the Thursday night trip and wowed the crowd.



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## SPORTS NEWS



New Brockton 'Homecoming Queen' Natalia Ball was all smiles as she was introduced to the large crowd at Gamecock Stadium.

## New Brockton stung by Yellowjackets 41-0

Statistics by, Brandon White

The New Brockton Gamecocks failed to put points on the scoreboard on two first half scoring opportunities and never recovered in a disappointing 41-0 homecoming loss to the Ashford Yellow Jackets.

New Brockton received the opening kickoff and drove to a first down at the Ashford 34-yardline behind the passing of Dawson Peacock, but came away empty-handed after losing a fumble and then watched as Ashford cashed in the turnover and grabbed a 6-0 lead on a 7-yard scoring run by Braylon Brigham.

The two region rivals swapped punts on their next possessions, but the Gamecock offense came back to life early in the second quarter and after a 16-yard pass from Peacock to Jacob Fisher and a 14-yard run by Baylon Foster had the ball first and goal at the Ashford 2-yardline. A penalty slowed the march; however, and New Brockton failed to find its way into the endzone as it saw another scoring opportunity go by the board!

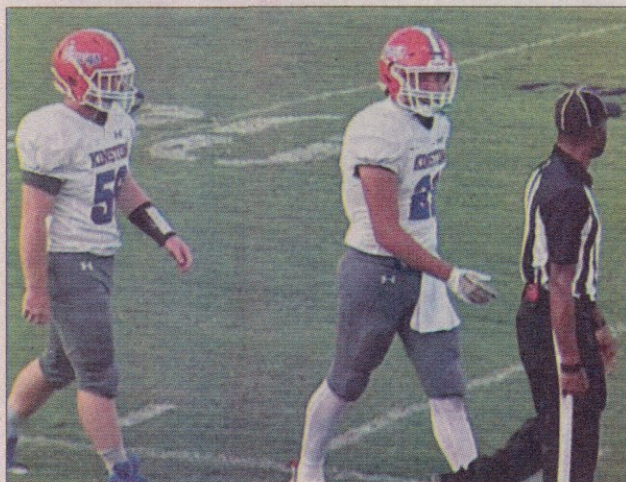
Ashford drove 96 yards following the defensive stop and scored on a 26-yard run by Coy Paramore to up its lead to 14-0, and cashed in a Gamecock turnover late in the half and scored with just four-seconds left on the clock on a 3-yard run by Paramore to carry a 21-0 lead in at the half.

Ashford received the second half kickoff and marched 58 yards to extend its lead to 28-0, with the score coming with 6:26 left in the quarter on a 3-yard run by Paramore.

The Yellow Jackets Braylon Brigham picked off a Gamecock pass and returned the interception 55 yards to up the Ashford lead to 35-0 late in the quarter, and after another New Brockton turnover the 'Jackets added their final points of the night on a 7-yard run by Tylan Peterman to seal the deal on the 41-0 region road win.

Dawson Peacock completed 7 of 12 passes, with two interceptions, for 68 yards to lead the New Brockton offense, while Anthony Silar rushed for 35 yards on 10 carries and Blake Cox added 21 yards rushing on seven carries.

Bryant Crumpler had 12 tackles to lead the Gamecock defense, while Gavin Hand added 5 stops and Kaiden Sims, Gabriel Dean and Bradyn Crumpler all had 4 tackles.



Kinston Bulldog captains are ready to go.

## Kinston remains winless on road with 58-0 region loss

Statistics by, W.J. Adcock

The Kinston Bulldogs saw their road woes continue Friday night with a 58-0 region loss to the McKenzie Tigers.

McKenzie scored on its first two possessions to grab an early lead, and while Kinston did reach a first down at the Tiger 38-yardline on its third possession of the night, the Bulldogs failed to cash in the scoring opportunity and went in at the half trailing 52-0.

The Bulldogs threatened again late in the game and behind the running of Colby Tew and Jon Simmons reached a first down at the McKenzie 11-yardline. However, Kinston again failed to find the endzone and fell to 0-5 on the road with the 58-0 loss.

Jon Simmons rushed for 30 yards on five carries and completed 5 of 7 passes for 41 yards to lead the Kinston offense, while Judson Green rushed for 21 yards on four carries and caught three passes for 39 yards, and Whitt Floyd rushed for 24 yards on five carries and caught one pass for two yards.



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## Area teams remain in region wars as season nears end

The high school football season may be winding down for teams all across the state; however, for a number of area teams the closing weeks of the season will bring with them some of the most important contests on their schedules.

Following is a preview of this week's action:

### Pleasant Home at Kinston

The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to add a region victory to their resume tonight (Thursday) when they host the Pleasant Home Eagles.

Kinston owns a slim 13-11 series edge against Pleasant Home, but has won five of the last six meetings, including the last three, and last season posted a 52-7 win.

The Bulldogs are looking to bounce back after a 58-0 loss to McKenzie, while the Eagles have lost five straight games and lost to Elba 56-8 last week in region play.

### Brantley at McKenzie

The Brantley Bulldogs will continue their march toward the playoffs Friday night when they travel to McKenzie for a key region battle against the McKenzie Tigers.

Brantley owns a 40-17-2 series edge in the long rivalry, has won the last thirteen meetings and last season posted an exciting 30-28 win.

The Bulldogs have lost three of their last four games and are coming off a 36-22 loss to Florala, while the Tigers will enter the game riding a four-game winning streak, including a region win last week over Kinston 58-0.

### Zion Chapel at Calhoun

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to add a region road win to their season record Friday night when they travel to Lowndes County to tangle with the Calhoun Tigers.

Zion Chapel owns an 8-2 series edge over its region rivals, won the last six meetings and in the last three games outscored Calhoun 115-0.

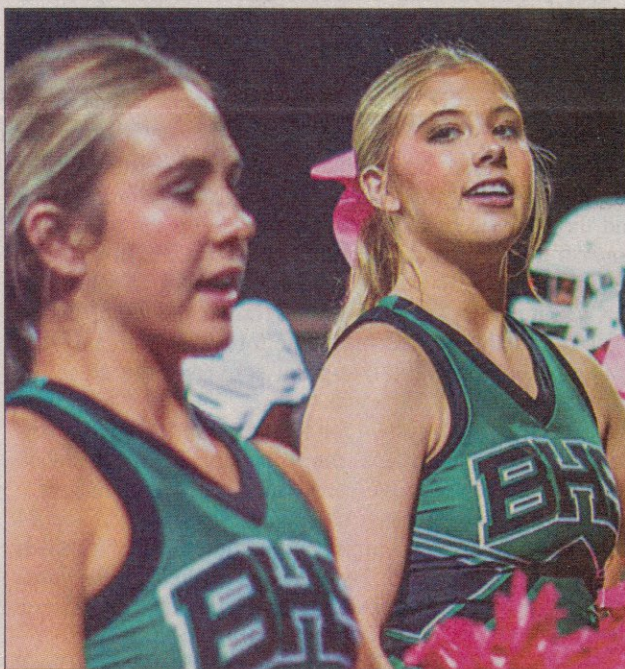
The Rebels are coming off a wild 21-20 win over Baker, while the Tigers have won two of their last three games, including a 46-0 win last week over Barbour County.

### New Brockton at Straughn

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to keep its playoff hopes alive Friday night when they travel for a region road clash with the Straughn Tigers.

Straughn owns a 10-7 series edge over New Brockton and has won the last two meetings by a lopsided combined score of 97-19.

The Gamecocks are looking to rebound after a disappointing 41-0 homefield loss to Ashford, while the Tigers have won four of their last five games and are coming off a big 24-0 region win over Pike County.



Brantley Bulldog cheerleaders kept the spirit last week and will be on the sidelines Friday night in McKenzie cheering for the 'Dogs.

## Second half scoring surge buries Bulldogs 36-22

From combined reports

The Brantley Bulldogs saw a 14-6 halftime lead and a possible region title both slip away Friday night in a 36-22 region road loss to the Florala Wildcats.

Florala jumped out to a 6-0 first quarter lead in the battle of region frontrunners, but Brantley's Daylan Davis picked off a Wildcat pass early in the second quarter and returned the interception to the Florala 25-yardline to pump life into the Bulldog offense. Jayden Parks connected with Michael Thompson for the Bulldog's first touchdown of the night to cash in the turnover as Brantley pulled even at 6-6.

Daylan Davis recovered a fumble at the Brantley 30-yardline midway through the quarter to turn back a Florala scoring threat, and after Parks hooked up with Davis on a long pass to quickly move the Bulldogs down the field, Parks ran in for a score, and Tyler Carter ran in a two-point conversion to put Brantley on top 14-6 at the half.

Florala scored twice early in the third quarter to take a 22-14 lead, and then cashed in a Brantley turnover to up its lead to 30-14 early in the fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs Tyler Carter scored on a run and also ran in the two-point conversion to pull Brantley within 30-22 late in the quarter. However, Florala responded with a long kickoff return and added its final points of the night to remain tied atop the region standings with the impressive 36-22 region win.

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Zion Chapel 'Homecoming Queen' Emma Grace Adkison had plenty to smile about last week after being crowned and while cheering on the Rebels to a big 21-20 win over Baker.

## Zion Chapel Rebels shock Baker 21-20

From combined reports

Photos by Amanda Clark

The Zion Chapel Rebels snapped a four-game losing streak and gave a large homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about Friday night with an exciting 21-20 upset win over the Baker Gators.

The Rebels gave their fans something to cheer about before they even got settled in their seats when JoJo LeGear bobbled the opening kickoff, picked it up at the 14-yardline and raced 86 yards for a touchdown. Weston Watson kicked the extra-point, and with just twenty-seconds gone off the clock Zion Chapel was already on top 7-0.

Zion Chapel failed to take advantage of a fumble recovery by Jaxon Baxley on Baker's initial possession, and after a short Rebel punt the Gators went 75 yards in 13 plays to get into the endzone, and also added a two-point pass to grab an 8-7 lead with 37-seconds remaining in the quarter.

Zion Chapel began its ensuing possession at its own 31-yardline and stunned Baker once again as the Rebels covered the 69 yards to the endzone in just four plays to regain the lead. The score came on a 64-yard touchdown toss from John Foster Hamm to JoJo LeGear, and while the extra-point failed, the Rebels were back on top 13-8 with 11:04 left in the second quarter.

Baker again had an answer for the Zion Chapel score and on its ensuing possession went 77 yards in seven plays to move back in front. A 28-yard pass that moved the Gators to the Zion Chapel 2-yardline was a key play in the long scoring drive, while the Gators punched it over from there, and after a two-point pass was picked off by LeGear, Baker owned a 14-13 lead with 7:36 remaining in the quarter.

The Rebels' Brayden Benbow returned the ensuing kickoff 32 yards to put Zion Chapel in business at the Baker 35-yardline, and from there it took seven plays to retake the lead. Hamm completed two passes to LeGear for 16 yards to spark the drive, which was climaxed by a 1-yard scoring run by Brayden Benbow. A two-point pass missed its target, but with 3:50 left in the half Zion Chapel was back on top 19-14.

Baker threatened late in the half and reached a first down at the Zion Chapel 20-yardline. However, a quarterback sack by Jackson Dowdy slowed the drive, and an interception by LeGear ended the threat as the Rebels carried a 19-14 lead in at intermission.

The Rebels lead went to 21-14 with 5:28 remaining in the third quarter when a low snap on a Baker punt attempt out of the endzone resulted in two points when the Rebels Jackson Dowdy knocked the Gator punter out of the back of the endzone, and the two-points proved valuable to Zion Chapel as Baker added a score with 9:08 left in the fourth quarter after a 75-yard drive to pull within 21-20, but failed to add the two-point conversion thanks to a big stop along the sidelines by Brayden Benbow, as the Rebels maintained the one-point lead.

Baker had two possessions in the game's final seven minutes, but the Rebel defense refused to give the Gators any hope for a late miracle, and when the defense made a stop on fourth down and two at the Baker 36 with 1:28 on the clock, the celebration was underway as Zion Chapel claimed the 21-20 win.

Zion Chapel, which used big plays to pull off the upset, was led in rushing by Brayden Benbow with 24 yards and 1 touchdown on 5 carries, while John Foster Hamm rushed for 18 yards on 10 carries and completed 4 of 9 passes for 86 yards and one touchdown, with JoJo LeGear pulling in three passes for 80 yards and one td and adding an 86-yard kickoff return for a score.

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